(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Serving employees of Central Government possessing a valid CGHS card have the option of availing specialized treatment/diagnostic tests at the CGHS recognised private hospitals/diagnostic centres after the CGHS/ Government Specialist/CMO In-charge of the CGHS dispensary recommends the medical procedure/test and permission is obtained from the office where the Government servant is employed. Medical advance of up to 90% of the Government/package rate for the medical procedure can be obtained from the office where the Government servant is employed. The balance admissible amount of approximatly 10% is reimbursed by the office to the Government servant upon making the claim for medical reimbursement.

(c) to (e) In view of (a) and (b) above, the questions do not arise.

Diseases due to tobacco products

†1379. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of gutkha and tobacco is injurious to health, if so, the different kinds of diseases likely to be caused because of their consumption;

(b) whether Government have adopted any system to inform and warn the people of the country in this regard, if so, the details of said system; and

(c) the number of persons who have been victims of cancer or any other diseases due to consumption of gutkha and tobacco during the last three years and the number of persons out of them who died, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Tobacco

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

use in all forms is injurious to health. Tobacco induced diseases include particularly cancer of the oral cavity, periodontal disease, tooth loss and congenital defects.

Besides development of various media material like television spots, radio spots, posters, flipcharts etc. on ill-effects of tobacco and gutkha, "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003", provides that every package of cigarettes or any other tobacco products should bear the specified warning including a pictorial depiction of skull and cross bones. Once, the Rules in this regard are framed, this provisions would be implemented.

As per ICMR & WHO reports tobacco attributable deaths in India currently range between 8,00,000 and 9,00,000 per year.

Opening of new CGHS dispensaries

1380. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of CGHS dispensaries in the country, State-wise;

(b) what are the norms to open a CGHS dispensary in any area;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of running CGHS dispensaries in double shift, atleast, in major cities of the country to begin with; and

(d) if so, in how many CGHS dispensaries of the country, Government are thinking to start double shift?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The city-wise details of CGHS dispensaries in the country are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) As per the SIU norms, the criteria for opening a new CGHS Allopathic dispensary in an existing CGHS covered city is 2000